

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 6, 7, 18-27, 29 and 31-36, amend claims 1, 8, 10 and 28, and add new claims 37-46 in accordance with the following listing showing the status of all claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A processor-based method for ~~selecting~~ addressing an email address, ~~wherein the email address includes a format message~~, the processor-based method comprising:

defining at least one auxiliary criterion by accepting a signal from a user input device to at least partially define the at least one auxiliary criterion, wherein the auxiliary criterion uses information in addition to information in an email ~~associated with the email address~~; and

using the auxiliary criterion to identify ~~the email address~~ a group of email addresses; and sending the email message to the email addresses within the identified group.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the step of defining at least one auxiliary criterion includes a substep of

using a processor to at least partially define the at least one auxiliary criterion.

4. (Original) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the identified email address is part of a search request.

5. (Original) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the identified email address is part of an addressing request.

6-7 (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the ~~step of~~ defining is performed group of email addresses is identified by a local processor ~~coupled to~~ communicating with an external database remote from the local processor, wherein the auxiliary criterion is used by the local processor to access information in the external database.

9. (Original) The processor-based method of claim 8, wherein the external database includes a corporate database.

10. (Currently Amended) The processor-based method of claim 8, wherein the external database includes an enterprise database that stores organizational information.

11. (Original) The processor-based method of claim 8, wherein the external database includes a remote database accessed via the Internet.

12. (Original) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary criterion includes a manager's name.

13. (Original) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary criterion includes a department name.

14. (Original) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary criterion includes a company division name.

15. (Original) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary criterion includes an identification of a project.

16. (Original) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary criterion includes an identification of a meeting.

17. (Original) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary criterion includes a geographic location.

18-27 (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium ~~including instructions for identifying an~~ storing computer-executable process steps for sorting email messages, wherein the email includes a format, the computer-readable medium the process steps comprising:

~~one or more instructions for~~ accepting an auxiliary criterion selected by ~~the~~ a user, wherein the auxiliary criterion uses information in addition to ~~the~~ a format of ~~the~~ an email; and

~~one or more instructions for~~ using the auxiliary criterion to ~~identify the~~ sort email messages.

29. (Canceled)

30. The ~~apparatus~~ computer-readable medium of claim ~~29~~ 28, the process steps further comprising:

~~one or more instructions for~~ using a processor to at least partially define the auxiliary criterion.

31-36 (Canceled)

37. (New) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the signal from the user input device comprises a text string including a relational expression that defines the group.

38. (New) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the group is generated automatically based on a query.

39. (New) The processor-based method of claim 8, wherein the external database includes a human resource database.

40. (New) The processor-based method of claim 8, wherein the external database includes a facilities database.

41. (New) The processor-based method of claim 1, wherein the defining, using and sending steps are performed by an email client.

42. (New) A computer-readable medium storing computer-executable process steps for addressing an email message, the process steps comprising:

defining at least one auxiliary criterion by accepting a signal from a user input device to at least partially define the at least one auxiliary criterion, wherein the auxiliary criterion uses information in addition to information in an email address;

using the auxiliary criterion to identify a group of email addresses; and

sending the email message to the email addresses within the identified group.

43. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 42, wherein the group of email addresses is identified by a local processor communicating with an external database remote from the local processor, wherein the auxiliary criterion is used by the local processor to access information in the external database.

44. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 42, wherein the signal from the user input device comprises a text string including a relational expression that defines the group.

45. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 42, wherein the group is generated automatically based on a query.

46. (New) A method of sorting email messages, comprising:
- accepting an auxiliary criterion selected by a user, wherein the auxiliary criterion uses information in addition to a format of an email; and
- using the auxiliary criterion to sort email messages.